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SUMMARY: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED CONCERNING USE BY THE GREEK ARMED FORCES OF THE US DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CIRCUITS AND FACILITIES IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
END SUMMARY.

1. COMMENCE TEXT OF DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES:

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EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING USE BY THE GREEK ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CIRCUITS AND FACILITIES IN GREECE. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVT IS PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THE COOPERATION AGREED UPON IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE US FORCES IN GREECE WILL HENCEFORTH MAKE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES IN GREECE:

A. TRAINING: TRAINING AS ARRANGED BETWEEN THE COMMANDER, 2140TH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, HELLENIKON AIR BASE, GREECE, WITH THE GUIDANCE OF CHIEF, JUSMAGG, AND THE DESIGNATED HELLENIC ARMED FORCES AUTHORITY, FOR THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, LOCATION AND TECHNICAL AREAS OF SPECIALTY INDICATED BELOW:

SPECIALTY	LOCATION	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER RADIO	MT EDERI	2
MICROWAVE RADIO	MT EDERI	2
MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT	MT EDERI	2
TELEVISION	84-089,	2
POWER PRODUCTION	MT EDERI	2
DIAL CENTRAL OFFICE	IRAKLION	2
TROPO-MICROWAVE RADIO	MT PARNIS	2/3
TROPO-MICROWAVE RADIO	MT HORTIATIS	2/3
TROPO-MICROWAVE RADIO	LEVKAS	2/3

THE TRAINING CYCLE SET FORTH ABOVE WILL TAKE APPROX 30-45 CALENDAR DAYS TO COMPLETE, AND TWO OR THREE CYCLES PER YEAR (BASED ON HELLENIC AF NEEDS) WILL BE SCHEDULED.

B. CIRCUITS: CIRCUITS OF THE TYPE SPECIFIED WILL BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING TERMINAL LOCATIONS:

- A. ONE VF CIRCUIT: LEVKAS - MT HORTIATIS
- B. ONE TTY CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - MT HORTIATIS
- C. ONE VF CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - IRAKLION
- D. ONE VF CIRCUIT (FAX): MT PARNIS - IRAKLION

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- E. ONE TTY CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - IRAKLION
- F. ONE VF CIRCUIT: YEANNITSA - MT HORTIATIS
- G. ONE VF CIRCUIT: NEA MAKRI - MT PARNIS
- H. ONE VF CIRCUIT: ATHENS - MT PARNIS

THE ABOVE CIRCUITS WILL BE PROVIDED AS LONG AS THE DCS REMAINS AS PRESENTLY CONFIGURED.

THE US FORCES MAY TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CIRCUITS ALLOCATED TO GREEK USE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WITH MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ADVANCE NOTICE; IN THE EVENT OF SYSTEM FAILURE, GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE RESTORED AT AN APPROPRIATE PRIORITY LEVEL BASED ON THE DCS RP SYSTEM. THE RP'S ASSIGNED TO GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE ASSIGNED AND VALIDATED THROUGH THE SAME CHANNELS AS DCS RESTORATION PRIORITIES.

2. THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN GREECE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THESE SERVICES AVAILABLE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES SHALL:

A. NOMINATE FOR TRAINING ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING TRAINING PREREQUISITES:

(1) COMPLETION OF A COURSE IN BASIC ELECTRONICS,

(2) AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EQUIVALENT TO A SCORE OF 70 ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION TEST (ELCT),

(3) A NATO SECRET OR COMPARABLE CLEARANCE.

B. EXTEND ALL CIRCUITS FROM THE MAIN DISTRIBUTION FRAME (MDF) TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF USE.

C. ASSUME ALL COSTS FOR CIRCUIT EXTENSION AND TERMINAL EQUIPMENT.

D. MEET TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

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E. PROVIDE, THROUGH CHIEF, JUSMAGG, TO THE COMMANDER, 2140TH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SUBMIT APPROPRIATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE REQUESTS (TSR).

F. REIMBURSE THE UNITED STATES FOR COSTS WHICH MIGHT OCCUR IN CONNECTION WITH TRAINING HELLENIC FORCES PERSONNEL SUCH AS FEEDING, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND SUCH OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED EXPENSES. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY RESPECTIVE UNITED STATES AND GREEK COMMANDERS. IF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY THERETO INDICATING SUCH ACCEPTANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE THE AGREEMENT OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ETC.
END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THIS PROPOSED DRAFT INCORPORATES THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING CONTAINED IN REF A AS MODIFIED BY REFS B AND C. DURING SUBGROUP DISCUSSIONS THE GREEK SIDE FIRMLY REJECTED THE PRINCIPLE OF "TEMPORARY SUSPENSION" OF THE DCS CIRCUITS TO BE PROVIDED. THIS MAY BE RELATED TO THE FACT THAT NO ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM, SUCH AS INSTALLATION OF THEIR OWN ANTENNAS IN THE CASE OF NEA MAKRI (REF D). THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INSIST ON WORDING SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED IN REF B. THEREFORE, WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF GREEK ACCEPTANCE OF THE LANGUAGE IN REF C AND INTRODUCING IT AT THIS TIME RISKS ANOTHER RENEGOTIATION OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED ISSUES WHICH WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED TO OVERALL US ADVANTAGE. IN VIEW OF THIS, AND BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBER OF CIRCUITS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE GREEKS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REF C TO AUTHORIZE DELETION OF THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION CLAUSE AND REINSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING: QTE IN THE EVENT OF SYSTEM OUTAGES, RESTORATION ACTION FOR US AND GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE TAKEN BASED ON RESTORATION PRIORITIES PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE AFFECTED CIRCUITS. RESTORATION PRIORITIES FOR GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE SUB-
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JECT TO THE SAME REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS AS THAT USED FOR US CIRCUITS. UNQTE.
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